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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ronald Cantagallo

Serial No.: 10/674,217

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Filed: September 29, 2003

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For: METHODS OF OPERATING COMMUNICATION NETWORKS INCLUDING  
COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS WITH IDENTIFICATIONS OF TARGET  
LINES/DEVICES AND INITIATING DEVICES, AND RELATED SYSTEMS AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS

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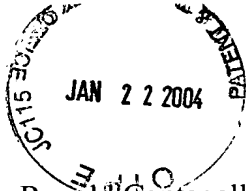
**PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE**

Sir:

As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of September 29, 2003 rather than September 30, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of September 29, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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3. A true and accurate copy of our return post card and of the official filing receipt for this application, sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, showing that Applicant was improperly given the filing date of September 30, 2003 instead of the Express Mail date of September 29, 2003.

This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of September 29, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.



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On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

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☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.  
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier: Ronald Cantagallo

Entitled: METHODS OF OPERATING COMMUNICATION NETWORKS INCLUDING COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS WITH IDENTIFICATIONS OF TARGET LINES/DEVICES AND INITIATING DEVICES, AND RELATED SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS

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1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
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3. ☒ 1 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
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  - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
  - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

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Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☒ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
10. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and 2 references cited
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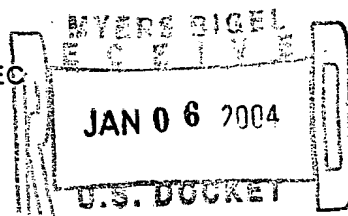


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Methods of operating communication networks including command communications with identifications of target lines/devices and initiating devices, and related systems and computer program products

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